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Photo by Mark Arike

Logan Hunter, left, and Caleb Hunter take a seat in a Minden Hills fire truck on July 17. The Make it Minden festivities were hosted by the volunteer fire department, emergency medical services and the OPP. See story on page 17.

Trent-Severn begins drawdown process

By Mark Arike

Water levels in Haliburton County's lakes are expected to drop early due to little precipitation and a premature start of the annual drawdown.

"In recent years, low precipitation in the winter and spring along with hot, dry summers have necessitated drawing down lakes in the Haliburton area earlier," said Roger

Stanley, director of canal operations for the Trent-Severn Waterway. "When hot, dry summers are anticipated following a dry winter, water has been conserved in the Haliburton reservoirs as long as possible in the spring to prepare for that eventuality."

"We are ahead of schedule this year."

Trent Severn staff have already begun what is known as the drawdown process. This involves the gradual lowering of the

northern lakes in preparation for the fall lake trout spawn and spring freshet, explained Stanley.

This slow process of moving water downstream also maintains water levels for the broader water needs of the whole system and prevents severe flooding in many areas.

"Water is conserved in the Haliburton [County] areas for as long as possible to accommodate recreational enjoyment,

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Minden addresses goose problem

By Matthew Desrosiers

Minden is fighting a losing battle against geese.

Rick Cox, director of community services with Minden Hills, said his staff are busy playing catch up, trying to keep the Riverwalk clean of droppings.

"We spent a lot more time in the last few weeks sweeping and cleaning up than we had hoped for," he said at the committee of the whole meeting on July 12. "At this point, we have an ongoing cleanup job until the geese leave us, which requires some staff time that we weren't counting on."

Cox recommended to council that he be permitted to relocate up to \$4,000 from electrical and tree maintenance along the Riverwalk to assist with goose management. He also recommended his staffing budget be increased by an additional \$2,750 to allow for an increase in part-time hours to offset the additional workload.

They only have the manpower to sweep once a day, Cox said.

"It's unfortunate. Sometimes the sweeper goes by at 6 [a.m.] and the geese come by at 10 [a.m.]"

The problem extends beyond the Riverwalk to include Rotary Park, said Ward 1 Councillor Brigitte Gall.

"I know there's a concern at Rotary Park," she said. "It's going to present a health issue, if not already, with the heat and that much goose dropping in the lagoon area which doesn't have the constant flow of water."

Cox said they don't have many choices beyond cleanup in the park. The health unit has stopped testing the beach there and has put up a sign advising swimmers to enter the water at their own risk.

"It's quite conceivable, with the heat and concentration [of droppings] that you need to really pay attention to that," he said.

To manage the goose situation, Cox suggested several measures, including mylar tape. The tape has a two-sided reflective surface that frightens the geese and keeps them away. The problem, however, comes down to cost and aesthetics, he said. It would be difficult to run the tape

along the entire Riverwalk.

They are also looking into an organic compound called RejectX, which creates a foul taste in the grass to deter the geese from feeding.

"We have our pest control folks looking into permissions required to [use it]," he said.

The product is available to purchase in Canada but may not be legal to use in Ontario. Cox said his staff will have a definite answer by next council meeting at the end of the month.

Sonic deterrents were also recommended. These units are battery powered and deliver a localized and randomized noise to frighten geese. If the area is deemed unsafe, the animals won't return. The units cost \$200 each.

The last suggestion was to hire goose dogs to harass the geese, however the team that is normally hired is not available until the fall.

Cox said geese are multi-faceted creatures and that you need to try all these measures to find out which one will work. However, what works one month may not work the next.

"It's a shotgun approach," he said.

Reeve Barb Reid said the geese problem is an issue now, and they cannot afford to wait until the fall to get rid of the creatures.

"I think the goose dogs are a complete waste of money," she said. "The problem is here today and as the traffic starts to ebb on the Riverwalk in the fall, I'm not sure we need to spend that money."

"I'd rather see that money spent on this organic compound [RejectX]."

Council agreed to support the application of RejectX (pending confirmation of legality in Ontario) around the Riverwalk, the purchase of three sonic harassment units, the budget increase to support additional part-time hours, and to test the effectiveness of mylar tape in Rotary Park. They decided not to support goose dogs.

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Early dip for water levels

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while still balancing the need for spring preparation and fall fish spawning activity," he said.

That's how it would work it in a perfect world, said Stanley. Only substantial rainfall over the next several weeks could reverse the process.

"Heavy and sustained rainfall would be needed, but the conditions of winter and spring have largely already decided the season."

Regardless of whether or not the drawdown happens early, Stanley said it inevitably impacts the entire system.

"The Trent-Severn watershed covers an area nearly four times the size of Prince Edward Island and is a complicated system of interconnected rivers and lakes controlled by over 160 water control structures," he said.

Water control staff are required to meet multiple needs, including human health and safety, municipal water supply, fisheries, hydro-electric generation and flood mitigation.

"In a system this large with so many priorities to manage, no matter what the decision, there will be those who benefit and those who aren't happy," said Stanley. "It's our job to try to balance the concerns of all with our obligations."

Despite the angst felt by some cottagers and residents, Stanley said Parks Canada maintains a positive working relationship with the municipalities and other organizations such as the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"It is critical that this relationship is on good terms and that all are working toward a common goal," he said.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey said it is unfortunate that what is already a short season will be affected more.

"It's going to impact tourism, it's going

to impact when we have to take our boats out, it's all about the economy again," said Fearrey. "It's another negative."

Since the county is on reservoir lakes, Fearrey said there is no short-term fix. He did, however, commend the efforts of groups such as the Trent-Severn Water Management Advisory Council.

"We have a very active committee," he said. "And the county has been at this since I was involved in the 70s. We don't have control of the Trent Severn system. We can lobby, but in reality, until changes are made and there are investments in the infrastructure, it isn't going to change."

Fearrey believes the Trent Severn staff are following their mandate, however they can't bring the county water that isn't there.

"The reality is that if there's no water at the top end... we're reservoir lakes. They'll drain us down. There's no question about it."

Fearrey called it "very unfortunate" as he recalled the 70s, a time when he was part of a water levels committee.

"At that time the Minister of the Environment openly said at a meeting, 'You know what? You people shouldn't have been able to develop on those lakes.' I said to him it's a little bit late to tell us that."

Fearrey said the economy plays a role in many of the final decisions that are made.

"Peterborough needs a lot of water to operate their sewage plant. There are hydro dams along there that require water... It gets to be about the economy again. Once again it's the bottom end of the ladder."

He said the federal government must make a financial commitment in order for things to change.

"I think the bottom line is that there has to be a federal commitment to spend more money on the Trent system."

For updated data, stakeholders can visit a website launched by Parks Canada at www.parkscanada.ca/trent.

I think the bottom line is that there has to be a federal commitment to spend more money on the Trent system.

— Murray Fearrey

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Editorial opinion

New arena unnecessary

To build, or not to build? That is the question people are asking about Dysart's community arena.

Last week it was announced there was a leak in the cooling system which would take \$1 million and up to six months to fix. There goes any chance of summer ice this year. Hopes for winter ice aren't looking too good, either.

The question that is now being asked (by more ambitious community members) is why not tack on another couple of years of closure, throw in \$20 million more from the overflowing municipal coffers, and build ourselves a super arena with all the trimmings to share between Dysart and Minden (with federal and municipal funding, of course).

Just think, we could have two ice pads, a track, exercise room, a pool (complete with whirlpool and sauna), throw in a fancy new concession stand for the throngs of people that flock to the arena every other night during the hockey season.

No doubt the facility would be a great feather in our cap. It would stand alone in the municipality as the most magnificent and short-sighted project in town, and we could show it off year after year as we struggle to pay the exorbitant bill.

These types of projects are great for large communities (with large bank accounts) who build them to address specific needs. Multiple ice surface arenas, for example, are a great solution when there is a significant demand for additional ice-time. That demand simply isn't here in the Highlands, where we struggle to keep two pads consistently busy year-round.

If the 'super arena' idea is not feasible, the more conservative approach is to take this opportunity to tear down the arena and build a new one, similar to the one we currently have. That project would cost roughly \$7 million and take two years to complete.

Are people willing to lose two years worth of ice time in the Village? More importantly, can the municipality afford to spend that much money while losing the economic benefits of the arena for that extended period of time?

The answer is no.

For a fraction of the cost, both in time and money, we can repair a perfectly good arena. The Dysart Community Centre, while old, is structurally and operationally sound. The pipes that need to be replaced will be good for an estimated 25 years. During those repairs the concrete will need to be replaced, providing an opportunity to upgrade the boards at the same time. So, not only are we repairing the facility, but also upgrading it at the same time. The price is right, and no additional downtime is required.

That sounds like a good deal.

While the lure of a new arena is strong, it just doesn't make sense for the Highlands today. The community's needs simply don't call for such a big project. Tearing down a perfectly good building to replace it with a newer, more expensive version just doesn't make any sense.

And of course, let's not forget the \$11,200 we've agreed to pay for new murals on the arena. You would hate to waste that investment.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Think different

My brother had a job interview at one of the big banks recently, down in the Big Smoke. At the start, he was told that he would be speaking to three people and that the last one would be assessing whether he was able to learn anything from the two interviews prior. When he got to that final interview, conducted by the head of the department, he was asked how he would go about staffing a particular type of project.

"I would assess the skills of the team we have in-house against the objectives and requirements of the project, identify any missing skills and find them if possible within the allowed budget."

My brother can sound pretty smart when he wants to. But it was the wrong answer.

The right answer, apparently, had to contain the word *capabilities*. Ten years ago the buzzword was *competencies*. Before that it was *human capital*. Now, it's *capabilities*. My, how the world has changed.

"I think we're talking about the same thing," says my brother. Sorry, says Groucho Marx. You didn't say the secret word. Next!

You can't make this stuff up. And he had ironed a shirt and everything.

I had a similar experience several years ago. I had taken a job in a department called Operational Effectiveness — that should have been my first clue. If you need a whole department to be effective, you're probably not. That suspicion was confirmed when I discovered there were 13 departments of operational effectiveness in this organization (can you guess which one?), none of which I was allowed to meet in order to, you know, become more effective.

Anyway, after the tenth gruelling, three-hour meeting in which I sat, praying for a fire drill as my colleagues read their endless, text-only PowerPoint presentations, line by line, I asked if anyone thought it might be a good idea to send the presentations around the day before a meeting so we could read them on our own time and come prepared to discuss and make decisions.

Whoa, was I out of line, says the boss. I was summoned to his office. "I don't think this is working out."

Yes, he tried to fire me. I was having none of it.

"You said you were looking for someone who could think 'out of the box', someone who would come up with ideas to be more effective. That is exactly what I am doing."



By Bram Lebo

Of course that's not what he really wanted, it's just what he wanted to think he wanted so he could point to my door and tell everyone how effective things were becoming under his leadership. Sadly for me, I had believed him. In reality, any deviation from office protocol circa 1972 made the boss extremely uncomfortable.

I lasted another six months.

These unfortunate experiences reminded me again about why I live in the Highlands. For while Toronto is rich in cultural diversity — over half of Torontonians were born outside of Canada and over a hundred cultures are represented — the Highlands has what might be called diversity of thought.

This was the theme of Will Jones's column last week, and I wholeheartedly concur. Maybe it's our existence on the edge between Southern Ontario and the endless North, the extra space, the small population or a more libertarian attitude — whatever it is, the Highlands is full of unique, outspoken, creative and stubborn people doing their own things in their own ways.

You can see evidence of this in the mushroom-like, almost daily appearance of new businesses, works of art, events, fundraisers, competitions and non-profits, in all kinds of endeavours from the traditional to the downright quirky. You can see it on many of our roads in the artistic displays of used, re-used, derelict and deconstructed materials awaiting sale or refurbishment at some undetermined point in the future. And if you go inside many homes, you will often find that most fascinating of items, the contraption.

Though the city's diversity is exciting and enriching, I find that the Highlands kind of diversity makes for a much more pleasant existence. Conformity may be the rule in big companies; out here things are a lot less rigid. It seems cottagers know this too, as many become more themselves the more time they spend here.

We may not have thousands of ethnic restaurants or World Cup street parties, but I've found it a much easier place to be an individual.

And you never have to iron a shirt.



Ben James, summer 2012,
Lake No-tellie

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Letters to the Editor

Photo of the week



Photo by Glendon McGowan

Dinner time for a little chipmunk friend.

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Highlander fails on food stance

Dear Editor,

Bram Lebo can and has done better. It is disturbing that he and this paper reviews a book which does everything to argue for the fact that we should buy foods produced in China, South America or New Zealand at the expense of local foods production. The Highlander failed to critically review this book. The Highlander does not take authors to task for over generalization of facts, such as, Big Agra produces clean food while small organic farmers are "lax in their hygiene." To repeat this argument without critical comment is unacceptable. That manure contains bacteria is nothing new, all living organism contain bacteria, and some contain E.coli. Large scale food producers are hygienic and small organic farmers are unhygienic, and that you print this garbage without taking issue with it is unforgivable. McCaine foods produced and distributed tainted foods to millions of Canadians only two years ago. How does the author deal with that? Most large

food chains import garlic from China, and it is a known fact that many Chinese producers/farmers still use human excrement as manure. Because of this fact I have for the past four years grown my yearly supply of garlic in my flower beds.

Fresh local food tastes fresh and actually "tastes" compared to foods that have travelled 10,000 miles and were harvested unripe to survive the ordeal of the trip. I rest my case. The University of Toronto geography professor Pierre Desrochers and his wife, Hiroko Shimizu, have achieved what they wanted, to get maximum attention to further their academic careers at the expense of the local farm community. The Highlander should be ashamed to be part of their sleaze campaign.

Armin Weber
Eagle Lake

TheOutsider — The one that didn't get away

I caught it!

No, not an errant hockey puck fired through the crumbling walls of Dysart Arena. Nor a case of hand foot and mouth disease, which is currently sweeping through the local population (thankfully, it's only the kids that catch it!). No, I caught a whopping great pickerel. A giant walleye. A dead-eyed leviathan from the deep, the likes of which Captain Ahab dreamed of when hunting Moby Dick. And, like Ahab's epic adventure, my own was fraught with angst and trepidation, studded with exhilaration and tainted with stench of death. Let me tell you all about it.

But, first let me explain, dear reader, why you should share my excitement. You see, after coming from England, fishing rods in hand (most other vital supplies like clothes and furniture were packed in boxes to arrive months later), I tried in vain to catch a fish worthy of boasting about. I have toiled with fly rod and spinning outfit, ice fishing gear and lake trout equipment but the genuine monster has always eluded me. Until now.

However, my constant whining about not catching fish brought out the sympathetic side of a local fellow, an expert angler no less, known more for his sarcasm than empathy. He decided to take me under his wing and tutor me on the ways of the Haliburtonian fisherman. After stopping laughing at my spindly fly rod, he handed me a stout pole strung with rope and a spear and told me to stand at the bow

and 'wait till she breaches'. OK, I'm kidding but this chap did lend me more suitable tackle and take me out in his boat to hunt for pickerel.

We've been going for a few weeks now and I've experienced some of the best fishing that I or many local folks could hope to see. We've drowned worms (told you, there was death involved), dragged lures and jiggled jigs and the upshot is we caught a lot of fish: some were small, some nice eating size (sorry, more death but oh so tasty) and one or two that were extremely large. My fishing buddy, as I now like to call him, even boated a monster pickerel of eleven pounds. The fish of a lifetime, so I'm told, and by the little dance of glee that this big fellow did around our small boat, I believe it.

But then came my turn. The lake was quiet, only a slight ripple shivering its surface, the breeze coaxing a ribbon of smoke out to us from a distant campfire as we chug chugged along in anticipation. As the sun dipped behind the hills there had been not so much as a twitch on our lines, but as any fisherman or fisherwoman knows this is the witching hour, the time when if it's going to happen it will.

Just as the mosquitoes descended to dine upon my tasty English flesh there was a sharp pull on my line. The rod curved from tip to butt as I lifted into the fish and I felt two heavy thumps as the beast realized she was hooked and got angry.

Cultural centre impresses

To the Editor:

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate everyone who had a part in putting together an incredible summer program at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (www.mindenculturalcentre.com). In my five-and-a-half years on council, I've never seen anything like it. We had over 600 people at the Cultural Centre on Canada Day alone. It seems free ice cream is hard to resist! On July 5, more than 100 kids came to our first Culture Club day. And there's so much more to come with Culture Club every Thursday through the end of August.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery has a new landscape exhibition by Rod Prouse starting this week. Come and meet the artist at the opening reception Friday July 20 at 4:30 p.m. Did you know our little art gallery has the largest collection of Andre Lapine paintings in Canada? The Art Gallery of Ontario was so impressed, they agreed to loan us two of their Lapine's for the summer.

At R.D. Lawrence Place, you'll find a full program of literary activities with something for everyone. Volunteer Judy Bainbridge leads a weekly Children's Reading Club (Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.). The Highlands Sustainable Words Festival with four separate programs (A History of Writing, History of Paper and Book Making, Writing with Words and Performing with Words) is on Aug. 6. Writer-in-residence, Ava Homa, is conducting a Fiction Writing Workshop Aug. 7.

If you're looking for a fun event that raises money to support programming at the Cultural Centre, visit us Aug. 4 for the Great Green Garage Sale and Off the Wall Art Sale. Bring stuff to sell and find great stuff to buy.

Our new Econauts program for families and children runs over nine weeks on Saturdays. Spend an hour with your kids learning more about the natural world we live in.

At the Museum, the Sterling Bank Building has been converted into an exhibition space and you have another few days to see the first exhibit "Minden: A History of Settlement."

Our mission at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is to create fresh, ever-changing and evolving exhibits and programming that gives people a reason to come back again and again. This takes vision and a lot of hard work. Thank you to our professional curators for your leadership and to all our staff, students, advisory committee members and volunteers for your unfailing support.

Barb Reid
Reeve
Township of Minden Hills

"That looks like a good fish," said my buddy, in a matter of fact kind of way.

"Eeeeek!" I replied as the fish bore down into the depths, then right under the boat forcing the rod tip down into the water. I squealed like a small girl and hung on for dear life.

When, finally, I got the monster near the boat a heavy swirl confirmed that this was indeed a fish not to be lost. At which point my buddy decided to take three attempts to net my prize, each time laughing as he lunged and missed.

I didn't laugh. I stared at the thrashing oh-so-near-and-yet-oh-so-far whale and cursed his very being until he finally landed the fish, flapping and gnashing on the deck. Now it was my turn to do a little dance. And I most certainly did.

We took photos, and I spoke kind words of thanks to the lovely lady I had plucked from the deep, before gently lowering her back into her domain and letting her swim away.

Time for a celebratory beer; back on shore of course. You should have seen her she was thiiiiiiis big, honest. Oh but wait, I took pictures. Check out the trophy wall (on page 6) in this issue of The Highlander. I'm the guy with the ridiculous grin and a very big fish!



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *What do you do to beat the heat?*



Rhea Hezlatt and Debbie Nicholls

Australia

We go swimming in the lake, have a few glasses of chilled wine and let our feet dangle in the water. It is winter at home and only 10 degrees C when we left.

Paul Neil

Woodstock

I drink cold beer, sit on the dock and chill out on Little Boshkong. I love to jump in the lake with the kids and just have fun, it is vacation time!



Ian Markham

Huntsville

We go swimming, kayaking, fishing and hang out at the water. When it is too hot we go in and play board games.

Heather Neale

Oakville

We go tubing, and since we have family here from Australia we do a lot of fishing and eat ice cream and think cool.

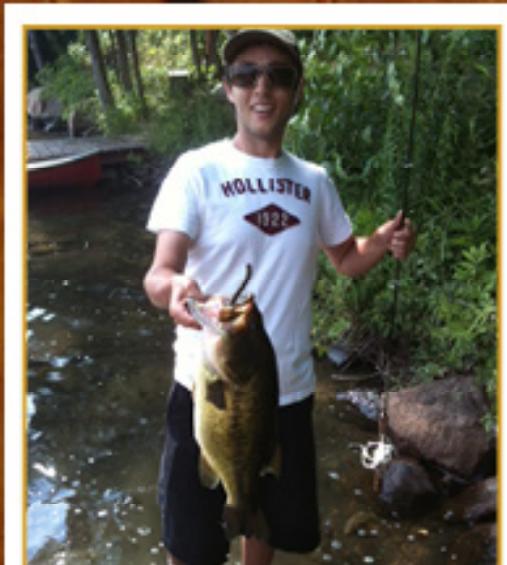


Connie Brickles

Pickering

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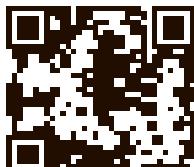
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Council to decide fate of arena

By Mark Arke

A decision on the fate of the Dysart et al arena should be reached at a council meeting later this month.

"We need to get some more prices and action from the professional people at the end of the month, and we'll make a decision on which way we're going," said Reeve Murray Fearrey in a phone interview.

This past spring, a leak was uncovered in the nine miles of plastic piping found eight inches below the ice surface of the arena. At that time, a specialist was brought in to fix the problem.

"There was a pipe that was cut in half," said Ray Miscio, director of parks and recreation and manager of the arena. "We isolated the loop because that's where we found we were losing some pressure."

Brine – a liquid consisting of water and salt – is what was coming out of the pipes.

"It's what helps cool down your cement slab," said Miscio, who added that the substance does not pose a threat to the public's health or safety.

More leaks were detected after the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show in June.

"We had it pressurized again, once we did this repair," he said. "Then it started losing pressure again and we did a few more repairs. Now the plastic pipes have pinholes in them."

Reeve Murray Fearrey said the problem is one that could not have been detected earlier.

"It's a problem under eight inches of concrete that nobody could detect until it surfaced," said Fearrey. "The arena manager immediately shut that area [down]. There's brine there and it's an environmental issue."

Fearrey said the expert determined the pipes were failing when the pinhole leaks were discovered.

"They're good for 25 years and it's almost been 50 years. They've done very well. This is something that all the arenas are going to face."

Fearrey estimated that it would cost approximately \$1 million to repair the piping and take six to seven months to complete. He said all the necessary precautions would be taken should council decide to go that route.

"When we take the concrete out we'll be cleaning up the soil if it needs to be cleaned up."

Fearrey said the building structure is sound and that replacing it with a new facility would cost somewhere between \$6-7 million.

"We're getting assessments and we'll have them for the end of the month council meeting," he said. "We've done the engineering study on the building. You have to determine the longevity of the building."

Miscio concurred with Fearrey on the overall condition of the building.

"We had an engineer come in and do some tests on the beams and structure," he said.

"The preliminary report says it's all good."

Since concrete, pipes and other parts of the arena would need to come out for the repair work, Fearrey said it could be a good opportunity to also upgrade the bleachers and boards.

Since news of the leaks spread, Fearrey has heard a number of suggestions from the public, some of which include tearing down the facility and starting anew.

"There are people who have suggested double ice – we can't keep one surface busy. They've suggested a running track, they've suggested squash courts, and they've suggested a swimming pool... We're talking about a \$20 million facility."

He said experts in the business of building arenas have estimated the municipality would lose about two ice seasons if they were to go that direction.

"I don't think our economy can stand that," said Fearrey. "It's bad enough we lose hockey tournaments from the community this year."

According to Fearrey and Miscio, groups that use the ice – such as minor hockey and summer hockey – were immediately notified of the impending closure.

"I contacted the ice convenor [for the Highland Storm] as soon as we made the decision that we wouldn't be able to put ice in," said Miscio.

"Everybody was notified as soon as we were aware that the only solution might be to take it all out," said Fearrey, who added that he personally called someone on the Storm's executive committee to let them know.

Miscio said a group is finishing up their ball hockey season, but after that the main part of the arena will be off limits to users. The upper level, however, will still be available for use.

A group that is feeling the impact of the closure is St. Peter's ACHS College School. They have decided to scrap their summer and winter hockey programs due to the situation.

"It's just too hard for us to put together," said Peter Thyrring, ACHS director.

The school was supposed to launch their hockey program in four weeks. Thyrring said it takes a year's worth of planning to get everything lined up.

"We'll be back next year, hopefully in a brand new renovated facility," he said. "We're looking forward to that."

Thyrring called it a regrettable situation, but he also looked at things in a positive light.

"Perhaps, that it happened now is a blessing in disguise," he said. "Heaven forbid in the middle of hockey school we're told to go home because of the ice. That would have been a bigger disaster."

He said the school could work on winter programs in Wilberforce and Minden, and have summer programs up-and-running next year.

Highlander news

OPP identify and arrest suspicious person

By Mark Arike

Police have tracked down and arrested a suspect in relation to several criminal offences in the county, according to a press release on July 18.

The incidents happened in the areas of Brady Lake Rd. and Bob Lake.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to investigate the theft of an ATV on July 12 in the Township of Algonquin Highlands. As a result of that investigation, police identified the suspect as Peter Bittner, 30, from Peterborough, Ontario.

According to the press release, Bittner's

offences included break and enters, vehicle thefts and boat thefts.

He has been charged with Theft Over \$5,000, Break and Enter and two counts of Drive Disqualified.

According to Const. Sandy Adams, media relations and community services officer for the Haliburton Highlands OPP, the suspect has been linked to evidence found in the investigation of the ATV theft and other scenes. She added there is no evidence at this time that links the suspect to the rash of break-ins that have occurred in Haliburton over the past two months.

As of press time, the OPP were unable to comment on the arrest.

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Historical Society promoting the Highlands

Organization attending 'Honouring the Past' event

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton County Historical Society will be attending their first out-of-county event come Saturday, July 21.

"We're targeting 70,000 people to let them know we're only an hour up the road," said Larry Giles, president of the Haliburton County Historical Society. "And there are some people in the City of Kawartha Lakes that do have cottages up here."

Giles, along with board members Julia Robertson of Haliburton and Shirley Warder of Minden, will attend the "Honouring the Past" event at the Lindsay Armoury and Victoria Park to promote the Highlands and their

organization. The event is expected to see 225 visitors.

"We'll let them know of the events we've got going on," said Giles.

The three local representatives will be giving away free kits that contain over a dozen brochures and publications that highlight the Highlands. According to a press release, the kits were provided by Haliburton Tourism, Haliburton Museum, Minden Hills Museum, The Haliburton Echo and Minden Times.

The Historical Society came into the opportunity after establishing a connection with John Macklem, president of the Victoria County Historical Society.

"We had him come and speak to us," said Giles. "I asked for his bio. He in turn sent me his newsletter from the [Victoria County] Historical Society."

The local, not-for-profit group managed to secure the booth space at no cost.

"We hope to see a higher volume of traffic coming north on Hwy. 35 with more money circulating in the Highlands," stated the press release.

Giles hopes to attend future events outside of the county in Huntsville and Bancroft.

The Haliburton County Historical Society currently has 22 members, two of which recently joined from Calgary. The organization started three years ago.

We hope to see a higher volume of traffic coming north on Hwy. 35.

— Haliburton County Historical Society

Minden Hills develops ice allocation policy

By Matthew Desrosiers

In light of recent news that Dysart et al's arena will be unavailable for the upcoming season, Minden's new ice allocation policy couldn't have come at a better time.

"What this will do is clearly protect folks who had ice this past year," said Rick Cox, director of community services for Minden Hills. "Folks who are used to playing Monday at 8 p.m. in Dysart won't be able to just automatically pick that [time] and kick out whoever was there. This provides that security."

The policy applies to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. It was presented

to council at their committee of the whole meeting on July 12.

"This policy clearly provides my staff and the parks and recreation committee a structure by which to say 'this is how ice requests get dealt with,'" he said. "We have never had one in this municipality."

Cox said the parks and recreation committee hosted a workshop to involve key user groups on the development process.

"This provides a structure that we can work within to make sure everyone is being treated fairly,

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— Rick Cox
Director, community services

particularly in times where there is more demand than available ice time, which this coming season is likely

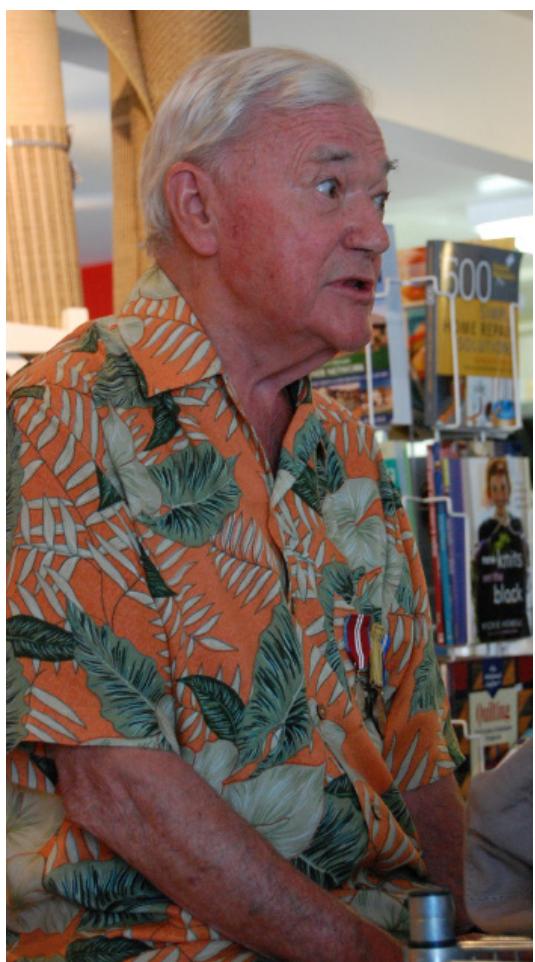
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The ice allocation policy has not yet been officially approved.

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No holds barred with Dr. Foth

By Mark Arike

Well-known Canadian journalist Allan Fotheringham is just as candid a public speaker as he is a writer, although he admits to being far better at the latter.

"I'm not a speaker, I'm a writer," Fotheringham told a crowd who gathered at Harmony Farm in Kinmount on July 14. "In circumstances like these I feel somewhat like Elizabeth Taylor's eighth husband – I know what to do, but I'm not sure I can make it interesting."

At the book-signing event, Fotheringham touched on his time spent covering politics, the characters who were the subject matter of his columns and the state of today's political landscape in the U.S. and Canada. He also read excerpts from one of his many books before giving those in attendance a few pieces of life advice.

Fotheringham, also known as Dr. Foth, had his column featured on the back page of Maclean's magazine for 27 years.

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Journalist Allan Fotheringham captivates an audience at Harmony Farm in Kinmount on July 14.

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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
2. Stray Bullets by Robert Rotenberg
3. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
4. Insurgent by Veronica Roth
5. Forgotten by Catherine McKenzie

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
2. The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton
3. Thinking, Fast and Slow by David Kahneman
4. Mad Woman by Jane Maas
5. A Matter of Principle by Conrad Black

This week, two titles on HCPL's Top Fiction chart are classified as YA (young adult) novels. The Hunger Games has been popular for months now but Insurgent by Veronica Roth is a new addition to the list. Insurgent is the sequel to Divergent, which is often touted as a read-alike for The Hunger Games. Given recent publishing industry trends, this surge in YA popularity does not come as a shock to us. According to an article in The Atlantic entitled How YA Came of Age, the number of YA books published has increased 10 fold since 1997 – and it is not just due to the buying power of young readers. Adults too are enjoying reading YA without stigma. The article goes on to assure readers that, "adult interest in YA is not the result of a crisis in the collective level of literacy. Rather, it's indicative of the quality and enduring themes addressed by young adult literature." In other words, the saying "don't judge a book by its cover" might as well be expanded to include "don't judge a book by the age group it is marketed towards."

Library News

Haliburton County Public Library introduces the "Shakespeare Club" at the Dysart branch in Haliburton – a must attend social gathering for theatre enthusiasts. The first meeting is Thursday, July 26 at 3 p.m. Drop by the Dysart branch to sign up.

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Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Beth Kipping as Abby Brewster and Will van der Zyl as Mortimer Brewster in *Arsenic & Old Lace*.

Summer festival serves Arsenic to comedy lovers

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Highlands Summer Festival is in full swing as the third play in this year's lineup, *Arsenic & Old Lace*, hit the stage on July 16.

Written by Joseph Kesselring and directed by Lorraine Green-Kimsa, the play follows two ladies in 1942 Brooklyn. The pair, unlikely murderers to say the least, must hide their misguided charitable activities from the police, friends and family in this delightful comedy.

The play runs intermittently throughout the rest of the month.

Following *Arsenic & Old Lace* in the schedule is *Sweetheart: The Mary Pickford Story* which opens on July 22. The month closes out with *Steel Magnolias*, opening on July 30.

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Beth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities dropped by rehearsals in Head Lake Park on Wednesday to present Jim Blake, chair of the Dusk Dances Haliburton committee, with a \$1,500 handshake. Behind: Some of the performers, including community members starring in *Incandescent*.

Community meets choreography at Dusk Dances

By Mark Arke

The music, the moves, the magic.

Starting tonight (July 19), Dusk Dances returns to Head Lake Park in Haliburton for its sixth season with four separate choreographed pieces, several of which have been in the works for months.

Jim Blake, chair of the Dusk Dances Haliburton committee, has already seen some of the performances that are about to make their local debut.

One of these dances is *A Flock of Flyers: Remix*. Originally created in 1996 by festival founder Sylvie Bouchard and David Danzon as *A Flock of Flyers*, Blake said its 2006 performance in the park was well-received.

"People really loved it the last time it was here," he said. "It's a riot," added Daniela Pagliaro, artistic director.

The original story follows the 217th Canadian Flying Squadron and their desire to fly even though they don't have airplanes. Determined to fly at any cost, the flyers continue their regimented training in an imaginary terrestrial airfield.

"They're real precision, choreographed moves," said Blake, who saw the remix in Peterborough. "It's unbelievably athletic."

The dancers in the piece are from the traveling troupe that visits communities all over Ontario.

Another piece, titled *Incandescent*, will be making its premiere in Haliburton. *Incandescent* is a first for Dusk Dances, as it combines the festival's dancers with 40 community members.

"It's been fun and an interesting experience for the community members," said Pagliaro, who has been working on coordinating the dance along with choreographers Kate

Franklin and Meredith Thompson. "None of them – with the exception of a few of Julie [Barban's] dancers – have ever done anything like this before."

Incandescent is a portrait of both the individual and the collective human experience. It is inspired by the lyrics of Leonard Cohen's song *Anthem*.

Franklin and Thompson, two veteran Dusk dancers, pitched the concept to Bouchard, who responded well to the idea.

"We've never done this before," said Bouchard in an interview on Monday. "It's really incredible the way it came about."

The local performances are produced by Dusk Dances Haliburton, a part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative and licensee of Dusk Dances Inc.

The Haliburton shows run until July 22 and start at 7 p.m. nightly. Dusk Dances is a pay-what-you-can event.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers
Carole Finn talks about her new book at Rails End Gallery.

Local artist launches book

By Matthew Desrosiers

Carole Finn, an internationally recognized Haliburton artist, launched her new book *Walk by Water* at the Rails End Gallery on July 17.

The book highlights the Minden Wild Water Preserve and the Wild Pacific Trail on Vancouver Island.

"I decided to put my paintings of these trails in a book so the purpose for which this particular material was chosen would not be lost," Finn wrote in a release. "Both locations present wonderful visuals to put on canvas."

Finn spent time at both locations, capturing their beauty on canvas.

"Some four years ago, I began to paint the Wild Pacific Trail," she wrote. "At that time, the trail was in jeopardy because part of it went over land that was marked for major development for hotels, golf courses and residences."

Finn said she was shocked the area could be lost forever.

Later, while walking along the Gull kayak route in Minden searching for her next series of paintings, she discovered the story behind the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

"I felt that both stories needed to be told so others could be inspired to follow their dreams," she said in the release. "As a result, the book was born."

Copies of *Walk by Water* may be purchased at the Rails End Gallery, Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the "Made in Haliburton" Gallery and the Ethel Curry Gallery. It can also be purchased at Boatwerks and the Sir Sandford Fleming College campus store. The book is available online at www.madeinhaliburton.com.

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Highland dancers in Haliburton

By Mark Arike

Despite the fact that the Haliburton Highland Games were cancelled this year, the show went on for the 24th annual Highland Dance Competition.

A total of 108 dancers between the ages of five and 42 descended upon Head Lake Park for a full day of competition on July 14. Of those, three were from the local Mansfield School of Highland Dance. The two furthest-attending participants came from the UK and BC.

Competitors were judged in areas such as technique, performance and timing. Prizes went to those who placed between first and sixth, and an overall trophy was also awarded.

This year's Haliburton Highland Games was cancelled when the organizing committee cited budget limitations and lack of sponsorships. The committee plans to bring the games back to Haliburton on July 13 of 2013.

The two other events that ran this year were ceilidhs hosted at the Haliburton Legion and McKecks.

Trophy Winners:

Beginner/Novice Dancer of the Day: Victoria Gillissie
 Intermediate Dancer of the Day: Kathleen Quinn
 Premier Dancer of the Day: Alexandra White
 Haliburton Dancer of the Day: Sara Day
 Most Promising Beginner/Novice Dancer: Amy Reid



Top: Emma Horsley, 10, of Orangeville and Jodie Morrison, 10, of Toronto remain focused as they hit their moves.
 Bottom left: Local entrant Annabelle Cloutier-Austin of Kinmount. Bottom right Klara Jones, 11, of Peterborough practices in the park before hitting the stage.

Photos by Mark Arike

Highlander events

Latin flavour at the Forest Fest

By Mark Arike

Amanda Martinez was born and raised in Toronto, but her soulful and seductive sounds are a fusion of her Mexican and South African roots.

"My mom is from South Africa and my dad is from Mexico," said Martinez. "I grew up listening to a lot of music from my parents' big record collection, and spent a lot of time in Mexico where my family played music."

The Toronto-born singer, who is one of the featured artists at this year's Forest Festival, started performing at restaurants and bars during her 20s while in university.

"Music wasn't really ever a goal of mine," she said. "I originally did my undergraduate degree in biology at the University of Western Ontario. I don't really know what my goal was there. I was considering dentistry and [the] pharmacy [industry]."

She went on to pursue a master's degree with the intention of working in the packaged goods industry. After a stint with TD Bank as an associate director of trade finance for Latin America, Martinez turned to music full-time.

"After business school I started in the jazz club scene in Toronto," she said. "I first started doing a lot of jazz standards and then I slowly integrated the Latin jazz standards that people really seemed to take to. I then started to write my own material and collaborate with the guys in my band."

Martinez's debut album, *Sola*, came out in 2006. Her second release, *Amor*, rose to number one on the iTunes World Music Charts in 2010.

Music has enabled Martinez to travel extensively. Soon after her first album came out, she was invited to perform with

Juno award-winning guitarist Jesse Cook in Dubai. A song she wrote, titled *Sueños Posibles* (dreams that are possible), landed her an invitation to perform at the 2010 FIFA World Cup Festivities in South Africa.

"It was a song I wrote in honour of the opening game (Mexico versus South Africa)... If I hadn't written the song the opportunity wouldn't have happened."

According to her website, Martinez's music blends lush vocals, flamenco rhythms, vibrant Afro-Cuban beats and the colourful resonance of Mexican folk music.

Joining her on stage at the Forest Festival will be members of Sultans of String, a group that closed last year's season with an electrifying performance. The lineup includes guitarist Kevin Laliberte, bassist Drew Birston, percussionist Rosendo "Chendy" Leon and trumpeter Alex Brown.

Martinez has quite a bit of history with members of the group. She formed a duo with Laliberte in 2003 and Birston is her husband.

In addition to her musical endeavours, Martinez has radio and television work to her credit. She hosted a Latin Jazz show on JAZZFM91 for three years and held TV roles on ReGenesis, Disney's Life with Derek and From Spain With Love.

Martinez has three kids, including two twins who were born in May. While they are well-behaved, she admits life is now a little more hectic.

"There's a lot more logistics involved now," she said. "I have to think about babysitters... I have to find the time in the day to rehearse, as well as get in their eight to 12 feedings [per day]."

Martinez will be bringing her little ones up to Haliburton along with their babysitter. Surprisingly, this won't be her first visit to the Highlands.

"I went to a sleepover camp when I was a lot younger," she laughed. "I'm just really excited [for the Forest



Photo submitted

Festival]. I've heard great things from Kevin and Drew."

At her upcoming performance in the Haliburton Forest's historic logging museum, ticket holders can expect to hear a diverse blend of tunes.

"I'll be performing material from my last album as well as some of the newer material I've written this past year," said Martinez. "I'm looking forward to taking people away to Latin America without having to leave Haliburton."

Martinez and her band will take to the stage on Aug. 18 at 8 p.m. For tickets and other information about the festival visit www.theforestfestival.com.

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Highlander events



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Fire chief Doug Schell and his son Jordy enjoy some water fun.

Free fun for the whole family

By Mark Arike

Residents and visitors alike can choose to "Make it Minden" one night of each week this summer.

A variety of free events, which are family friendly, have been organized in the heart of the town by volunteer Lynda Litwin.

The series kicked off on July 4 at the River Cone and will conclude on Aug. 29 with the Minden Girl Guides. The next fun evening will be held on Aug. 1 with a classic car show.

For more information contact Lynda at 705-286-2911 ext. 235.



Photo by Mark Arike

Those happy to see the upgrades to the fairgrounds stage are (left to right): Malcolm MacLean (Minden Legion and Canoe FM), Brent Devolin, Rotary Club president; Jeanne Anthon (Rotary Club), Dennis Casey, Bluegrass Festival lead; Rick Ratcliff (Rotary Club) and Minden Agricultural Society) and Wendy Connelly, Minden Agricultural Society vice president. Back: Wayne Cox (Minden Agricultural Society and construction lead).

Stage upgraded for Bluegrass Festival

By Mark Arike

The stage is almost set for the second annual Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival, taking place July 20-22.

Members of the Rotary Club of Minden, Minden Agricultural Society and Canoe FM gathered at the Minden Fairgrounds on July 16 to check out the new setup.

"Our hope is when we're done with it, it will be more of an attraction for other festivals," said Dennis Casey, Bluegrass Festival lead.

Last fall, event organizers applied for and received a \$13,200 grant from

Celebrate Ontario to carry out various upgrades to the main stage, located on the fairgrounds. As a result, an accessibility ramp has been installed, doors have been widened and the electrical system has been updated.

Casey said the Minden Agricultural Society jumped on board and will be working on additions to the front end of the stage.

"It's been a really good project," he said. For more information about this year's festival, visit www.mindenhillbluegrassfestival.ca.



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The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) wishes to thank the community for its interest in the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP). Funding for the EODP is provided by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario). The demand for the program continues to exceed expectations. We received requests for \$1,796,293. With available funding of \$818,800 we were able to support 133 projects.

With the support of its hardworking volunteers, HCDC has developed great partnerships in the community, we look forward to discussing innovative opportunities throughout the coming year. We appreciate the effort and cooperation of all the businesses and organizations who took the time to apply.

The successful applicants for EODP funding are:

Abbey Gardens	Funeral Home	Minden Food Bank
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Haliburton Highlands	Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association	Places for People
Bark Lake Leadership Centre	Haliburton Creative Business Incubator	Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents
Bent Nose Media	Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve	Porta Bell
Blackbird Pottery	Haliburton Highlands Adult Education and Training Centre	Portico Timber Frames
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Camp Can-Aqua	Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail Association	Rodco Enterprises
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Canadian Tire

Canadian Tire pays off for Minden

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's been three months since Canadian Tire began servicing Minden, and the town's economy is going strong.

"My hope is that we are making a positive impact in the community in every way," said Steve McLean, associate dealer for Canadian Tire in Minden. "It's not just hiring additional people to improve the economy in that respect, it's seeing other businesses thrive and do better. That's what I'd love to see."

Shawn Chamberlin, owner of the Dominion Hotel, said the summer so far has been great, but it's too early to tell if that's because of the Canadian Tire.

"The Canadian Tire store opened at the beginning of what has been a great summer season so far," he said. "A number of factors have influenced this, not the least of which is the fantastic weather we've been having."

Chamberlin said in-town traffic has definitely increased, but that doesn't automatically translate to dollars.

"As always, it's up to our excellent merchants to convert traffic to sales."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said the feedback she has received has all been positive. People are happy the store is of appropriate size for Minden and that the owners are community-minded.

She has also heard the drawing power of Canadian Tire has, in fact, helped other businesses in the area.

"While I don't have any analysis to support this, I'm hearing that overall business in Minden is up because of the drawing power of the Canadian Tire store," she said. "People

who have never stopped in Minden but drive right by on Hwy. 35 are now stopping and, when they exit the store, they wonder what they'll find if they turn left instead of right."

"Several of our downtown restaurants report seeing people they've never seen before."

One of the concerns when Canadian Tire moved into town was that it would negatively impact local stores, but that hasn't been the case, Reid said.

"I'm hearing business at Home Hardware is up as new [and] more people are stopping in Minden now," she said. "Home Hardware is still the place to go for lumber [and] rentals. I have yet to hear any negative impact on any business as a result of Canadian Tire."

Chamberlin said the Canadian Tire is a good thing for Minden.

"I'm glad to see the Canadian Tire store here in Minden," he said. "It has provided a number of jobs locally. As a part of a huge corporate marketing machine, it will drive more consumers into our community. It provides some product not already available in this area, and immediate brand recognition in our town."

Despite Canadian Tire's success in Minden, Reid said people shouldn't expect other corporate giants to move into town just yet.

"I'm not sure Minden is on the radar for other national retail organizations, but we are certainly interested in reaching out and selling the economic potential of our community," she said. "That being said, we want to attract new business but maintain our small-town character."

"It's a question of balance."



Photo by Mark Arike

A drive by the former Domain of Killien shows the property closed and barred to the public.

Domain of Killien closed

By Mark Arike

After serving visitors for over 25 years, the Domain of Killien has closed its doors.

A message was posted on the inn's website (www.domainofkillien.com) on July 16.

"We would like to thank all of our friends who have enjoyed this very special place and

to wish you all the best in the future," states part of the message.

An unnamed source confirmed that the inn sold to a resident of the Highlands.

Located at 1282 Carroll Rd. in Haliburton, the inn is set amidst 5,000 acres of property.

Highlander business

Long live the PC!

Some people believe that we're entering a "Post-PC era" where smartphones, tablets and cloud-powered thin clients will eliminate traditional computers. Sales numbers seem to back this as PC shipments were 0.1 per cent lower than they were at the same time last year.

But if you think the PC is going anywhere, I have three words for you: tough touch screens! For most of us, PCs will remain the bright star at the center of our digital solar system for a number of reasons.

When Apple and IBM launched the first real consumer and business PCs in the late 1970s and early 1980s, they ushered in a new era of electronic empowerment.

The PC allowed home users and small businesses who could never afford a mainframe to perform key tasks like word processing, crunching numbers and even gaming, without being tethered to a larger system. Now, because of the Internet and broadband services, many expect us to turn back the clock to 1976 and rely on other people's servers to do all the heavy lifting.

Cloud computing will be a key part of the future, but it can't replace the need for strong local hardware and software. When you want to edit photos or videos, you don't want to wait for them to upload first. When you need your most precious data, you need it now, right in local storage. And if your Internet connection goes down, your ability to perform key tasks shouldn't go with it.

Mobile operating systems are terrible at multitasking. iOS and Windows Phone won't even let you run some apps in the background and even on Android you have to hit a number of keys to switch between open tasks. But desktop operating systems like Windows and Mac

OS are designed to help you look at different pieces of information at the same time.

Writing an e-mail to the boss and need to look up some numbers in a spreadsheet to send him? No problem. You can put the Excel and Outlook windows right next to each other or switch seamlessly between them by clicking on a taskbar or dock icon. You can even watch a video in another window and conduct an IM chat in another. Try that on your iPad.

Sure, it's fun to swipe through photo galleries with a finger or pinch the screen to zoom in and out on a web page, but when playtime is over, you need a real physical keyboard and a pointing device to get work done.

Looking for work? Try typing your resume on your tablet's virtual keyboard and see if you get the job after auto complete changes your master's degree into a mistress degree.

Wish your tablet were faster? Throw it in the garbage and buy a new one, because there's nothing you can do about it. However, if you want to upgrade your PC, chances are very good you'll be able to dramatically improve it through upgrades.

On a desktop PC, you can change everything from the storage drive right down to the motherboard and power supply.

The Computer Guy



By David Spaxman

In the ultimate upgrade, you can even build a new PC entirely from parts, something I do every year. You'll have to pry the screwdriver from my cold, dead, static-wrist-strapped hands.

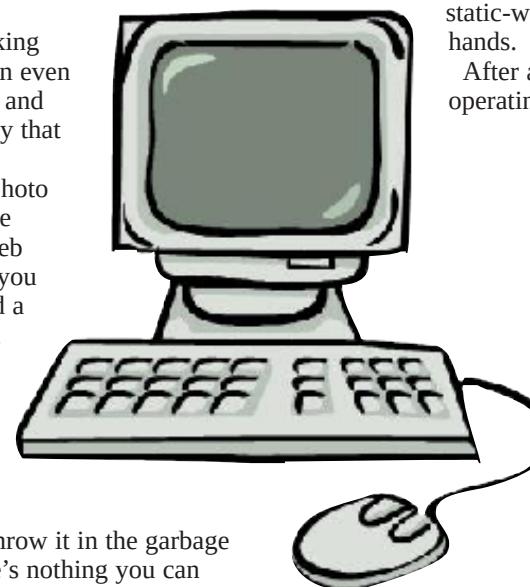
After a PC-pocalypse wipes desktop operating systems from the land, where will all the apps come from? Try developing an app on your tablet.

All of the development kits for Android, iOS, Windows Phone and even BlackBerry OS run on the desktop, not phones or tablets.

This week, everyone's groaning about the microscopic drop of just 0.1 per cent in PC sales. But, when you look beyond the headlines, you realize that PCs are still more popular than tablets.

PC vendors still sold a whopping 87.5 million units worldwide last quarter. That's not exactly the mark of a dying technology.

Questions or comments email me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy Safe Computing!



Places for People receives \$1,000 donation



Photo by Mark Arike

Beth O'Connor, centre, delivers a \$1,000 cheque to Places for People board members (left to right): Lisa Tolentino, vice president; Max Ward, Fay Martin, president; and Gordon Forbes.

By Mark Arike

Places for People won't ever consider Friday the 13th an unlucky day.

That's because on July 13, the organization received a \$1,000 cheque from Beth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities. O'Connor greeted members of the board at their booth situated at the Haliburton County Farmers' Market.

The funds will be used to buy down the \$55,000 mortgage the organization has on its

second property, located at 1006 West Rd. in Carnarvon. With this recent donation, RBC has contributed \$2,500 to the organization in the past three years.

Places for People is a not-for-profit organization that aims to provide affordable rental housing in Haliburton County. Their next fundraising event is the Highland Yard, which takes place on Aug. 5. More information is available at www.hightlandyard.ca.

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Highlander environment

HHHS enjoys big energy savings

By Matthew Desrosiers

Steps by Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) to make their hospitals more energy efficient are already paying off.

The new geothermal systems that came online in December 2011 have combined for approximately \$85,000 in energy savings between January and April, and that was when the systems were still being tweaked, according to Guillaume Lavallée, project manager with Ecosystems Inc.

"The final tweaking of the system was completed in June," he said. "The process took some time because we had to go through each season to see exactly how the system would react, while determining the actual requirements from our buildings. This enabled us to optimize different configurations, delivering minimal energy costs while maintaining or improving occupant comfort."

Before the projects, both sites were constantly running at least one boiler at all times, which resulted in oil tanks needing to be filled each month. Since the implementation of these new systems, the boilers at both sites have run for one day, combined. They have not had to top up their oil tanks since mid-April, he said.

Peter Fearrey, HHHS director of facilities and projects, said the savings are going to be considerable.

"When you're looking at the fuel bills for buildings like [these], it's a lot of money," he said. "We will make great savings."

The geothermal system in Haliburton runs 32 lines, 300 feet, into Head Lake (16 lines in, 16 lines out), while the Minden system consists of 15, 540-foot-deep wells.

Lavallée said the systems are more than just efficient heaters and coolers. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing oil consumption by 65 per cent and they replaced aging boilers and chillers that were near the end of their lives and were getting expensive to continuously repair.

"[The geothermal systems] allow for easier and more effective managing and budgeting of energy consumption for both hospitals," he said. "We are no longer held hostage by oil prices."

Apart from the new systems, other 'green' initiatives were implemented in the hospitals to further reduce energy use and create savings.

New building automation systems were put in place to allow for optimization of occupant comfort while keeping energy consumption as low as possible, Lavallée said. They also installed variable frequency drives on pumps and fans to reduce their energy consumption when not needed. They now operate on an 'as-needed' basis.

Greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced by 800 tons of CO₂ (carbon dioxide), which is the equivalent of removing 250 cars from the road, he said.

HHHS also invested in solar panels for each site to assist with generating energy. According to live monitoring websites, these solar systems have produced 5,947 kW-h of energy over their lifetime, which is the equivalent of saving 3.6 barrels of oil. The lifetime for these systems is 25 years. Based on current actual results of 27.4 kW-h per day, they should pay for themselves, through savings, after 8.7 years. That means a return on investment for HHHS of 186.5 per cent, or net-profit of \$130,558.44.

For live monitoring of the HHHS solar panels, visit www.haliburtonhhhsolarv.net and www.mindenh.solarv.net. For additional information on the geothermal systems, please visit www.ecosystem.ca/index.php/en/projects/haliburton-highlands-health-services-hhhs.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Tom Curry, left and Peter Fearrey, director of facilities and projects, stand beside the new geothermal system at the Haliburton facility.

To all our friends, neighbours and especially family, thank you for the many cards, best wishes and gifts at our 50th anniversary party.

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Welcome to the Department of Alternate Solutions, where the sky is always blue, the birds are always singing and the deer flies are never biting. Well, two out of three! To this point you have made some choices and decisions regarding your likes and dislikes, then you had to take a back seat to the constraints on your site. You can't do much about them. Well, now you are somewhat back in control as we look at alternate solutions. This stage of the process allows for discussion, trade-offs, and, oh yes, compromise. Alternate solutions, when properly used, allows us to work around site constraints with innovative ideas. Just remember, anything is possible, but it may not quite be as you had first envisioned.

Alternate Solutions and Priorities

Be bold and especially non-judgmental in your sharing of ideas and alternatives. Often that 'crazy'

idea is the one that inspires a new approach and "Eureka!"

Priorities can be a series of questions, some with difficult answers that may be disheartening, but that is why we have the art of compromise. What is priority number one? Is it family times at the cottage, entertaining guests, aesthetics or the need for solitude? Have a discussion, combine ideas, re-examine priorities, rationalize, and come to a final consensus. Didn't get your way? You can cuss a little bit, but stick with it; hopefully your time will come later in the process.

Let's look at an example. If your priority is solitude, but you are constrained by a noisy site with too much exposure to the neighbours, no inspiring view, and not very much room, then you may have to pick a spot that combines your goal of solitude with other functions or activities. If you can carve out a small space on your existing large patio, build a wood screen and plant some vines, will that satisfy your need for solitude? Or, is the alternative solution a new patio door and small intimate deck off the master bedroom? Keep in mind that cost is a factor which

will often heighten the level of negotiation and compromise.

Can you and your partner settle on using brother-in-law Fred's old hammock spot? He hasn't been seen since the work party was formed.

Here's another example. For the weekenders among us, if you are spending too much time on mowing, weeding, trimming and swatting deer flies, then ask yourself these questions:

Do we need to mow that space or can it be left natural? Remember, this is Haliburton! Should we replace those overgrown shrubs with ones more suited to the spatial limitations? What will we do with all of our newly acquired free time?

Whether you are planning new projects to alleviate problems, to reduce maintenance or to add new dimensions to the enjoyment of your property, remember, there are alternate solutions.

Next time: Can we afford it? Budgets, phasing of projects and how to get the best show for your dough.



By Terry Twine

To contact Terry, e-mail the editor at matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca.



Photo by Mark Arike

Four-year-old Vienna Durance and program instructor Taylor Broderick create clay porcupines during a recent Econauts class.

Haliburton Mixed Lob Ball Standings

TEAMS

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McKecks Blue Line Blue Sox	10	0
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Loose Mitts	7	3
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Foodland Dandy Lions	5	5
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Ronald Sisson Crayon Crew	1	9

Mammal challenge launches Econauts

A hands-on way to learn about the natural environment

By Mark Arike

Econauts, a new program recently launched at R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden, is aimed at getting kids to learn about the natural environment around them while having a fun time doing it.

"We're trying to develop more children's programming that ties in to R.D. Lawrence and the things he was trying to promote, such as awareness of the environment around us and our natural history," said Darren Levstek, curator of the Minden Hills Museum and R.D. Lawrence Place.

Levstek came up with the concept for the nine-week program.

"Each week you're learning something new," he said.

In the first level of learning, which runs until Aug. 25, kids are being taught about mammals. Level two will be determined over the winter months, said Levstek.

"Every summer you'll do one phase and you'll move your way from a level three Econaut to a full Econaut, at which time we hope to have kids involved with canoe trips and hiking trips."

Children receive a sticker for each week

they complete.

"If they miss a Saturday afternoon [class] they could come by during the week to get the form they take home, which is the challenge," said Levstek. "The challenge is usually a couple of questions. There's usually something they have to draw or bring back from nature."

The program is being taught by Cultural Centre staff and is designed for kids ages six and up.

Although the first challenge saw low attendance, Levstek is confident the program will gain a following as word spreads.

"There's a good chance it will be a slow start and maybe it doesn't kick off as well as we want it to, but we'll promote it more and get it going," he said.

Levstek said the kids would be the ones who help determine the evolution of the program.

"Maybe we find out that we're starting off way too easy. Or maybe we find out we're starting too hard."

At this time, children and families can drop in to the program on Saturdays at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. An adult must accompany children who attend. A majority of the classes are free, while some small craft fees will apply. The next class is on the fisher.

For more information visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com.

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TheHighlander Community Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

JULY 3 - AUGUST 24

Rails and Gallery & Art Centre, ART ATTACK, Tuesday/Thursdays 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wednesday/Fridays 1:30 - 3 p.m., a series of outdoor art activities for children ages 6-12, younger children permitted if accompanied by an adult caregiver, \$8 single, \$15 for 2, \$20 for 3 or \$125 per child for all. Art Attack activities for the whole summer, [www.railsandgallery.com/artattack](http://railsandgallery.com/artattack)

JULY 26 - Rotary Charity Golf Classic, Pinecone Resort, hosted by the Haliburton Rotary, with special guests Marc Duchene, Bernie Nicholls & Scotty Morrison, contact: Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580, foundation@hhhs.on.ca

JULY 27-29 - Haliburton Art & Craft Festival, presented by the Rails and Gallery, 130 artists, Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village, Friday 12-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., admission \$2

AUGUST 3-4 - Colours of Canada - Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild semi-annual Quilt Show, Minden Curling Club, Friday 3-7 p.m., Saturday 10-4:30 p.m., Trish Miller-Robert, 705-286-4774

AUGUST 3-4 - Canada - Coast to Coast - Minden & District Horticultural Society's Flower Show, Minden Community Centre, Friday 6-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$5 includes refreshments and lots of door prizes, call Leslie for information 705-286-4141

AUGUST 8 - Rotary Club of Haliburton Parade, this year's theme is Living Healthy & Active in the Highlands, parade at 7 p.m., no entry fee, to register contact: Richard van Nood, 705-457-1500, rvanhoods@gmail.com

AUGUST 10-11 - Wilberforce Agricultural Fair, Loop Road & County Rd 4, gates open 6 p.m. Friday & 9 a.m. Saturday, adults \$7 (\$5 Friday), children under 16 free, 705-448-2034

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday - 19

Bid Auction, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 p.m., Rev. 705-286-3085

Dusk Dances, 7 p.m. nightly at the sun sets over Head Lake Park, pay-what-you-can, contributions support this community event, BYO chairs/blankets, Dusk Dances Haliburton is part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative

WEEKEND EVENTS

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WEEKEND EVENTS

Monday - 23

Junior Natureline Camp 2012, Minden Museum, July 23-27, for children ages 7-10, limited space, pre-registration required

WEEKEND EVENTS

Tuesday - 24

Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 1-3 p.m., throughout the summer at the Minden Community Centre, upper level - just bring your gym shoes and \$3, MDR or Rev. Martin, 705-457-2260

WEEKEND EVENTS

Wednesday - 25

Red Cross Swimming lessons, Haliburton Lake Congregational Association, weekly sessions from Monday to Friday, including parent/child swimming at 4 p.m., preschool, Levels 1-10, Bronze Star, Medallion & Cross, \$40 per child per week, drop ins welcome \$10 lesson, more info and register online at www.haliburtonlake.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

HALIBURTON Branch 129 - 705-457-2571

Wednesdays - Bingo 7 p.m.

Last Thursday of month - Ladies Auxiliary 1 p.m.

MINDEN Branch 636 - 705-286-4541, sclbranch636@hotmail.com

We now have an outdoor patio for enjoyment by members and the public, lunch menu

Monday-Friday, beer battered fish & chips

4th Friday of the month, Saturday BBQ with shuffle board & newfie horseshoes in the afternoon

Monday to Friday - Lunch Menu 12-2 p.m.

Mondays (2nd & 4th of each month) - Rag Hookers 10 a.m.

Tuesdays - Bid Enchée 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - lunch time meat draw

Thursdays - Enchée, 7:30 p.m.

Fridays - Radio Club 10 a.m.; Fish/Wings &

Chips dinner 5-7 p.m.

Saturday August 4 - yard sale, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., donations of sale items appreciated, call 705-

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WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - 705-448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

Mondays - Bid Enchée 7 p.m.

Tuesday July 10 - General Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesdays - Darts 7:30 p.m.

Fridays - Pool 1:30 p.m.; Jam Session 7 p.m.

Friday July 20 - Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

Saturdays - Meat Draw 2 p.m.

Saturday July 28 - 14th Annual Golf Tournament, Bancroft Golf Course, Best Ball,

9 holes, cart, prizes, full dinner at the Legion - \$60, dinner only \$15, register before July 25

Highlander announcements

Aquatic exercises 101

Dear Penny,

Now that summer is here, I'm trying to get my exercise in the water but I'm not a very good distance swimmer, so please don't suggest swimming laps. We have a nice lake at the cottage with a flat, sandy bottom. We also have a dock to hold onto if I need it. What kind of exercises do you suggest?

Not-Swimming Sally

Dear Sally,

As a way to play, or as a means to a medal, water offers a myriad of experiences and is used by everyone from infants to the aged. It's fun, it's refreshing, it's exhausting and exhilarating. It is also an excellent exercise medium.

You're lucky to have a sandy bottom close to shore, but for those who don't, simply wear inexpensive swim shoes or sneakers to protect your feet.

Using the buoyancy of water, one can perform fantastic feats. Muscles can relax and use minimal effort to achieve movement. But—and here's the clincher—water can be used effectively as a resistance which strengthens muscle and achieves cardiac benefits too.

If you know how to position yourself in the water, you can exercise any muscle group you choose. As your muscles begin to tone up, increase the speed and number of repetitions of each exercise to get the maximum benefit from your water workout.

Swimming at a good pace is a great way to get your entire body into shape, but if you don't like to swim, here are a few good exercises for you. If you like them let me know and I'll be happy to suggest a few more.

Running in Water: To exercise your entire leg, run as quickly as you can in shallow water. Try to get your knees up as high as possible. Progress by increasing your speed and by increasing the depth of the water in which you are running. Running in deep water also provides good work for your abdominal muscles.

Spread Eagle: This is a great exercise for the entire upper leg and thigh. Stand in water up to your chest and face the dock. Get a good grip on the dock for support and keep your back straight. As quickly as you can, spread your legs wide. Now, very quickly, snap them back together. You will feel your muscles working hard against the water. Repeat five times. Progress as tolerated.

Back Kick: This is a good way to tighten your buttocks and tone your stomach. Facing the dock and standing

close to it in chest-high water, grip the dock firmly with your left hand. As quickly as possible, kick your right leg out behind you, being sure to keep the knee straight. Now, quickly snap your leg back to the starting position. Repeat five times and switch legs. Progress as tolerated.

Flutter Kick: To exercise the back of your legs and your buttocks, use a flutter board or hold onto the dock with both hands. Keep your knees straight and flutter kick. You want your heels to break the surface of the water and make a lot of foam, but remember to keep your knees locked.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Penny Brown graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine as a Physical and Occupational Therapist.

Aging Well



By Penny Brown

OBITUARIES



William "Bill" Draper

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If interested, please submit resume and cover letter by July 27 at 4:30 p.m. by either email: maryb@pfrc.ca or fax: 705-748-9177. For more information see www.studentnutritionprogram.ca.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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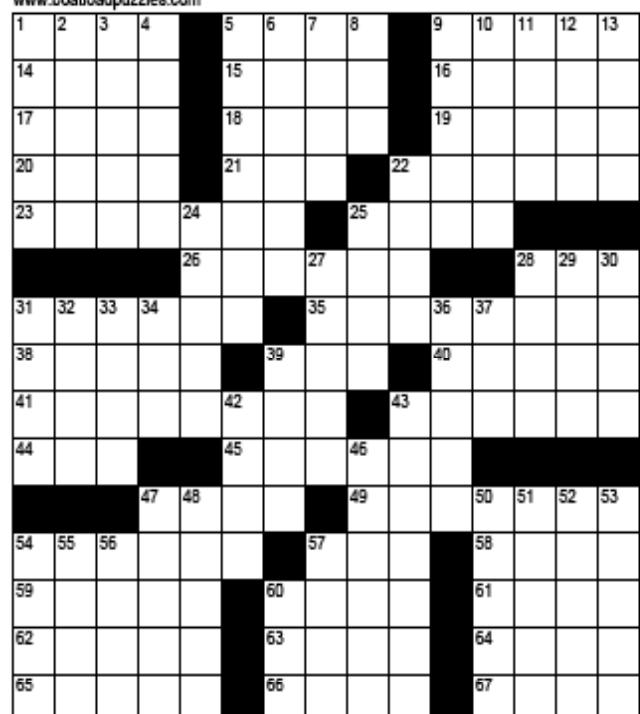
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- 5. Light tan
- 9. Actress ___ Winfrey
- 14. Walk in water
- 15. Nays
- 16. Cease-fire
- 17. Revise
- 18. Group of three
- 19. Hair coloring
- 20. Medicinal herb
- 21. Rural hotel
- 22. Inferior
- 23. Go back over
- 25. Televises
- 26. Memorizes
- 28. To and ___
- 31. Gave back
- 35. Involved
- 38. Knowing
- 39. Park or Madison (abbr.)
- 40. Wake up
- 41. Love song
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- DOWN**
- 1. Curse
 - 2. Large spoon
 - 3. Dolt
 - 4. Parking timer
 - 5. Tempted
 - 6. Eye part
 - 7. Harness strap
 - 8. GI's club
 - 9. Different
 - 10. Printing machine
 - 11. Baseball scores
 - 12. Teen skin problem
 - 13. Listen to
 - 22. Shopping aid
 - 24. E.T., e.g.
 - 25. Novelist ___ Rice
 - 27. Make merry
 - 28. Chimney part
 - 29. Coffee break
 - 30. Keats poems
 - 31. Foolhardy
 - 32. Flock females
 - 33. Role
 - 34. Right you ___!
 - 36. Ring
 - 37. Charged atom
 - 39. Eve's mate
 - 42. Adrift
 - 43. The Raptors' city
 - 46. Strangest
 - 47. Off-white
 - 48. Prongs
 - 50. ___ metal
 - 51. Brownish gray
 - 52. Small landmasses
 - 53. Trunk
 - 54. "All ___ Jazz"
 - 55. Decorate anew
 - 56. Strong metal
 - 57. So be it!
 - 60. Singer Yoko ___

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7	8						1	3	8	
				9					7	
			1				9	5		
								9	2	
		3	4	5				7		6
	6	7	9				1			

Last week's puzzle solutions



Puzzle 8 (Medium, difficulty rating 1.5)

3	9	1	4	3	6	2	5	7
2	6	7	1	3	5	4	3	9
4	5	3	9	7	2	1	3	6
3	3	5	7	4	9	6	1	2
1	4	6	2	5	3	9	7	3
7	2	9	3	6	1	5	4	8
5	3	2	6	1	7	3	9	4
6	7	3	5	9	4	3	2	1
9	1	4	3	2	3	7	6	5

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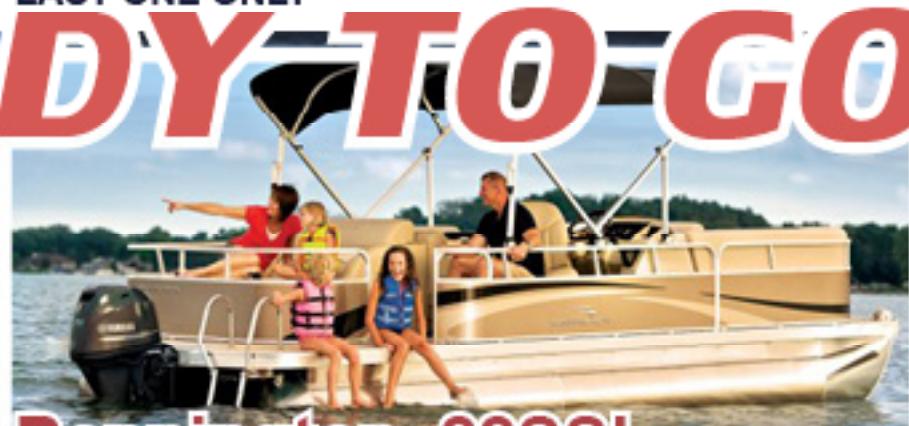
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